



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20240

DIRECTOR'S ORDER NO. 163

Subject: Delegation of Authority - Sales of Land Purchased Pursuant to Lahontan Valley Water Rights Acquisition Program

Sec. 1 What authority is delegated? This Order delegates authority to the Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office to approve and execute sales of land outside the boundaries of Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge as specified in paragraph 3. You may not redelegate this authority.

Sec. 2 What are the authorities for this action?

- a. Public Law 101-618 §206(a) and (f).
- b. Public Law 105-277 (112 Stat. 2681-238).

Sec. 3 Are there limitations on this authority?

a. This authority applies only to those parcels of land outside the refuge boundary that were purchased pursuant to the Service's Lahontan Valley water rights acquisition program, and includes approving National Environmental Policy Act planning documents and executing deeds.

b. You must conduct all such land sales in accordance with Public Law 105-277 (112 Stat. 2681-238), which states: "*Provided further*, That hereafter the Secretary [of the Interior] may sell land and interests in land, other than surface water rights, acquired in conformance with subsections 206(a) and 207(c) of Public Law 101-618, the receipts of which shall be deposited to the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund and used exclusively for the purposes of such subsections, without regard to the limitation on the distribution of benefits in subsection 206(f)(2) of such law."

Sec. 4 When is this Order effective? This Order is effective immediately. We will incorporate its contents into Part 033 of the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual.

Sec. 5 When does this Order expire? This Order will expire on March 31, 2005, unless it is amended, superseded, or revoked.

DIRECTOR

Date: January 16, 2004

